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Washington man sentenced for distributing methamphetamine

A 42-year-old man from the State of Washington was sentenced today in federal court in Minneapolis for distributing at least 500 grams of methamphetamine to dealers in northern Minnesota over a six-year period. United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis sentenced Danny Pete Englert, of Graham, Washington, to 75 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to distribute at least 500 grams of methamphetamine. Englert was indicted on December 16, 2008, and pleaded guilty on June 30, 2009.

In his plea agreement, Englert admitted conspiring with others to distribute the drug from 1999 through 2005. He also admitted distributing between five and fifteen kilograms of the drug to northern Minnesota dealers. Englert said he provided cash or vehicles to his suppliers to pay for the methamphetamine he purchased for distribution.

Seven others connected to this methamphetamine distribution ring already have been sentenced:

Christil Rose Englert, age 36, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, was sentenced on December 17, 2009, to 48 months in prison on one count of conspiracy. In her plea agreement, she admitted conspiring with others to distribute methamphetamine from 2000 through 2004. In addition, she admitted distributing multiple pounds of the drug in the Brainerd area.

Adam Joseph Monnes, age 30, of Clakamas, Oregon, was sentenced on November 1, 2006, to 150 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Robert Thomas Darling, age 34, of Crosby, was sentenced on March 13, 2007, to 60 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

Michelle Lois Bohlke, age 33, of Baxter, was sentenced on February 8, 2007, to 24 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

Richard Allen Wise, age 40, of Brainerd, was sentenced on October 16, 2006, to 150 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

Chad Harlan Chisholm, age 34, of Brainerd, was sentenced on November 1, 2006, to 120 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

Chad Michael May, age 32, of Brainerd, was sentenced on February 6, 2007, to 120 months in prison on one count of conspiracy.

In their plea agreements, the defendants admitted participating in the conspiracy from January 4, 2004, through December 15, 2005, and further admitted distributing between 500 and 15,000 grams of methamphetamine. According to court documents, Adam Joseph Monnes transported the methamphetamine from Oregon and Washington to Minnesota via Amtrak trains. On December 11, 2005, Monnes arrived in Staples, Minnesota, where he was met by Michelle Lois Bohlke, who was to take him to deliver the drugs. Law enforcement, however, had received information about Monnes's drug trafficking activity. As a result, police executed a search warrant on Monnes's luggage and found four pounds of methamphetamine in duct-taped packages.

The investigation continued to the State of Washington, where Brent Reddy, age 39, was charged federally with two counts of distribution of a controlled substance. Reddy is scheduled for trial, beginning in March of 2010, in U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Washington.

In a related case out of the District of Minnesota, Ricky Dewolf was sentenced on June 30, 2008, to 130 months in federal prison. He was charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Lakes Area Drug Investigation Division ("LADID"). The LADID is comprised of law enforcement from the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office and the police departments in Baxter and Brainerd. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy L. Perzel.